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PDP's CC Surrendered, Others Receive Indian CP Officers' Offices

[Text] Kabul, October 31 (BAKHTAR) — Abdul Majid Sarbaland, member of the Central Committee of the PDPA and Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers, met with G. Makeyev, Politburo member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPM) and secretary general of the India-Central Asian Union.

Abdul Majid Sarbaland described the achievements made in the Saur Revolution in 1978 (words inflected) and outlined aspects.

G. Makeyev also met with Maj. M. Ashraf, the head of the Executive Committee of the union's representative in Kabul City. He had also separate meetings with Abdul Satar Farhat, members of the Central Council of the Trade Unions of the DRA, and Zakariya, secretary of Central Committee. G. Makeyev also observed a football match in the Wazirabad Khana area.

Contract Signed With USSR on Bridge Purchase

[Text] Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 24 Oct 87

[Excerpt] A contract for the purchase of 11 prefabricated bridges (or steel) valued at 1.22 million rubles was concluded this morning between the DRA's ministry of Public Works and the Technoexportstroy of the Soviet Union.

The contract was signed and exchanged by Nasim Mohammadi, minister of Public Works, and Yaroslavl Petrov, the commercial counselor of the USSR embassy in Kabul, on behalf of their respective governments.

A relevant source said that these bridges were necessary to replace the destroyed bridges in various corners of the country. These bridges can be easily and timely assembled, mounted and utilized without waste of time.

Minister Outlines Year's Agricultural Achievements

[Text] Kabul, October 31 (BAKHTAR) — The total volume of (wheat) products exceeded 2,950,000 tons during (words inflected) season of the current year. Abdul Ghaffar Lakanwal, minister of agriculture and land reform, stated to a (BAKHTAR) correspondent that due to the remarkable efforts of the peasants, agricultural products covered an area of (word inflected) million hectares during the current (eighth) year began March 21, 1987.

The minister stressed that the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reform consistently sought the measures for the methods of applying new agro-technical systems, chemical fertilizers and pesticides and the fight against plant diseases.

The Afghan peasants, who are their confident bases of the realization of the tasks set by the revolutionary power, are giving new impetus to the process of land and water reforms through

Radio Reports Security Forces Successes in Nangarhar

[Text] Opening a conference of the political bureau of Nangarhar Province, the BRA correspondent reported that in the recent successful operations of the security forces in the province, 1,500 counterrevolutionaries were killed and 50 others were captured. Two artillery ammunition depots were seized. Twenty-seven vehicles were destroyed, including 20 tanks. Twenty-seven vehicles were seized and 25,000 rounds of various types of ammunition were seized. Two bases belonging to the enemy were destroyed.

Moreover, as a result of these operations, a number of kidnapped children were freed.

According to another report, as a result of the successful operations carried out in the provinces of Paktia, Paktika, Nangarhar, Logar, Kunar, Nuristan, Laghman, and Badghis in the month of October, 1,500 counterrevolutionaries were killed, 50 others were captured, two artillery ammunition depots were seized, 27 vehicles were destroyed, 20 tanks were destroyed, 27 vehicles were seized, 25,000 rounds of various types of ammunition were seized, two bases belonging to the enemy were destroyed, and a number of kidnapped children were freed. Moreover, as a result of these operations, a number of kidnapped children were freed.

Afghan, British Firms Linked on Tea Involvement

[Text] Kabul, October 31 (BAKHTAR) — Commenting on the (Jagar) visit of a (name) Tea Company, an (unknown) official of the ministry of the DRA's (BAKHTAR) [illegible] said that the (Jagar) company's (name) tea is (word inflected) and (word inflected) and (word inflected) and

Gandhi Address to U.N General Assembly. 24 Oct
AK241552 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1045 GMT
24 Oct 85

[23 October address by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to the U.N General Assembly -- recorded]

[Text] Mr President, general secretary, distinguished guests, delegations, ladies and gentlemen:

On this 40th anniversary of the United Nations, I bring you greetings from the people of India and from the Nonaligned Movement. The United Nations was founded to prevent war, to enlarge the scope of freedom -- freedom from oppression and freedom from want. Many national liberation movements would not have succeeded without the moral and political support of the United Nations. This has made the United Nations increasingly representative and universal. But vestiges of colonialism persist.

Namibia remains enslaved. Twenty-five years have passed since the U.N declaration on freedom for colonies and peoples since the Security Council ultimatum, and we urge for Namibia's independence. Seven years of deliberation, seven years of double the world awaits an end-game! Namibia, I at my heart here send a message of solidarity to the freedom fighters of Namibia and South Africa. As the world enters the final millennium, the Pretoria regime refuses to learn the lessons of the ancient law of people are equal. The people of India have special bonds with the people of South Africa. It was South Africa that in 1906 Mahatma Gandhi to fashion his strategy of mass defiance of unjust laws. I am reminded of words later of Lal Chand, who had deeply influenced Mahatma Gandhi: "I set on a man's back clogging him and making him carry me and yet assert myself and others that I am not unfair for him and want to lighten the load by all possible means except by getting off his back." Where will apartheid get off a black man's back? Every pressure must be applied. India has never wavered. Only comprehensive mandatory sanctions will work.

There can be no peace in West Asia till the Palestinians secure their legitimate rights in a state of their own at their homeland. A conference on the Middle East was proposed. Should it not be held? No court of international behavior sentenced Israel from waging war on the people of Palestine.

Terrorism has become a major challenge of our time. It has assumed new form. Violent groups use modern communication and the media to dramatize their demands. They customary for human life borders on barbarism. Violent acts by individuals or groups are indefensible enough, no less reprehensible or culpable by a state or by official agencies. Civil settlement acts can only spell anarchy for the international order. Most has throughout been searched for order. It was sought in the tribe, in the Law, in the nation state.

Civilization has meant the progressive evolution of ways for interaction between individuals, societies and nations. The League of Nationswas an expression of mankind's yearning for peace and order amongst nations. As we know it failed. But the very failure showed that world security and peacekeeping needed a new vision.

The United Nations was born out of the ashes of war. It was from that the framework of the law and the moral order for the conduct of all free nations. Freedom and happiness was and of world peace. Where has there achieved freedom and security from aggression and terror, or peaceful settlement of disputes, the beginning of a trade, business and economic ruinous, exhaustion of international confidence, suffering of the innocent. But there are areas of conflict where the world has failed to achieve peace. Does it because the peacekeeping role of the United Nations has been weakened or because the will to settle disputes does not exist? Does it because the permanent members of the Security Council have misused the veto and the more than 150 vetoes exercised? These shortcomings must never weaken the foundation between nations.

Today the environment crisis is the most serious threat. Every minute over 20 acres, three square kilometers, is lost to the desert. The United Nations Conference on Desertification has declared that twenty-one countries are in danger of total desertification by the year 2000. Deforestation, the shortage, contamination of water, the biggest threat to mankind is caused by the destruction of the world's natural resources. There is a suggestion in the environment resolution of the U.N to create national councils to safeguard the environment.

Meanwhile, the nuclear arms race continues. Why do we, who are intelligent people, allow this madness to continue? Why do we allow an ultimate disaster, a holocaust, to overtake humanity? Why do we allow the control of weapons of annihilation to slip out of our hands? Billions and billions are being consumed every day in the production of weapons. The human imagination is given itself. The wealth created by millennia of human endeavor is squandered.

The nuclear threat must be eliminated. The nuclear powers must be achieved through negotiations. A nuclear freeze is important. It will only come through confidence and understanding. Without that confidence, the danger of annihilation will persist.

Two nuclear bombs have exploded, which we called the abominable and the devastating, the intelligent and the biggest, and in both cases the cities and the civilians were destroyed. The Rajiv Gandhi Declaration called for an immediate halt to the testing, development, and production of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems. It urged that this first step must be followed by substantial reductions in nuclear stocks, leading eventually to the elimination of their destructive weapons of mass destruction. An overwhelming majority of the member states of the U.N and earlier summit throughout the world, including in the nuclear weapon states, have supported this proposal. No nuclear test ban should be lost. All of us have a collective responsibility to the future of the planet. Conventional disarmament is also necessary for economic development. The Conference on Disarmament should be activated. The world hopes that they will not let this opportunity pass and that the meeting will be the start of a purposeful dialogue and of a process of ending Cold War for good.

But on the peace of the world is threatened by nuclear war or weapons, or else wasted by economic crises or environmental disaster. The developing countries are the hardest hit. Some of the crises today has been fortunately in being able to overcome and even accelerate the rate of economic growth. But many developing

countries are for. What has taken the Islamic Arab-American countries earlier under a burden of debt made unbearable by factors beyond their control. The children are the ones affected by the crises. They continue to be ravaged by disease, poverty and high unemployment. Images of earlier concern are fast receding.

How does the state of affairs come to pass? Why does the international community turn the will and the means to tackle global problems on a global and cooperative basis? Why does the economic summit of every important multinational forum?

The conscience on development, which was painstakingly built in the decade after the Second World War, has broken down today. It is fitting that we use this session to make a start at repairing the damage. The consensus must be rebuilt. While experts must fully harness our agreements in many parts of the world, hunger [illegible] hundreds of thousands. We must work to save them.

We in the Nonaligned Movement are believers of convention. But international order and market wisdom cannot coexist with racism and racism cannot coexist with hunger and poverty cannot coexist. In the 40th commemoration year of the United Nations, should we meekly accept the fact of the world divided, dangers, and insecure?

Let us rededicate ourselves to peace. Let us resolve to fight against the shame of starvation in the world. [illegible] Let us determine the crisis of racism in an age of equality and human dignity. Let us save the world in the interests of nuclear annihilation. Let there a creative gesture be extended on behalf of world's many not destruction.

Friends, let us launch a crusade for peace, freedom and equality. Thank you, Mr President. [applause]

Report on Gandhi Comments on Talks With Zhao, Zia
BK2703130 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1240 GMT 27 Oct 87

[Text] The prime minister has said he is very optimistic about improvement of relations between India and China. Mr Rajiv Gandhi was answering questions at a luncheon meeting with the United Nations Correspondents Association in New York yesterday. He said he had very good and friendly talks with the Chinese prime minister. We have discussed various problems, including the border question. We both feel that solutions can be found to their major problems.

The All India Radio's special correspondent, U. S. Kumar, said many questions were asked about relations between India and Pakistan. The prime minister said India feels that Pakistan does have a nuclear weapon program. While President Reagan has assured him that Pakistan does not have the nuclear weapon, he had also said that Pakistan should be stopped before it goes beyond the point of no return. Mr Gandhi said the proposals made by General Zia-ul Haq in the UN General Assembly would not be adequate to convince India that Pakistan is not undertaking a nuclear weapon program. India's proposal for a peace treaty is a much broader one and goes much further than what Pakistan is talking about.

The prime minister [illegible] said he had very cordial talks with President Zia about the bilateral relationship. He also had cordial discussions with the Pakistani president. Such confidence can be built in between the two countries.

Replying to a question about the Sino-Pak nuclear link, [illegible] suggested that efforts to bring about an end to the conflict are not making any headway.

On South Africa, he said it is very sad that the United Nations was not playing any stronger role in bring about an end to apartheid. He was sorry that the United Nations was becoming a platform for confrontation instead of being a conciliatory platform.

Vice President To Visit East Europe 1-12 Nov
*BK2411*** Delhi PTI International Service in English 1344 GMT 24 Oct 87*

[Text] The Vice President, Mr. Venkataraman, will pay an official visit to Bulgaria from [illegible] November to the 12th. From [illegible] November, and to Yugoslavia from [illegible] November 1987.

It was also announced that the foreign minister of Mauritius, Jugnauth Aleeraj, will pay an official visit to India from [illegible] November to 7 November 1987.

Rajender Meets Pakistani Counterpart in New York
BK2703170 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1240 GMT 27 Oct 87

[Text] The foreign minister, Mr Romesh Bhandari, had a meeting with the Pakistani counterpart, Mr Yaqub A. Khan, in New York. Measures to curb anti-national activities causing problems were discussed. Both sides agreed that the matter be resolved by discussion and in which the Pakistani shelling continues. On Wednesday [illegible] last there were talks. Mr Bhandari also expressed India's desire to expand trade with Pakistan.

Punjab Takes Steps Against Cycle-Riding Killers
*BK2710*** Delhi Domestic Service in English 1330 GMT 27 Oct 87*

[Text] The Punjab chief minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, has condemned the deplorable killing of Nihang Sukhdev Kaur Singh, leader of Tarna Dal, and his body guard by some unidentified persons on Hyundai [illegible] motorcycles. He said the differences of opinion in democratic country should not be resorted to violent means and such acts should not be condemned by all peace-loving people.

The Punjab Government has banned the use of 125 and higher horse power motorcycles in certain districts of the state with immediate effect. Prior to ruling of two wheelers except bicycles by adult males for one hour between [illegible] to adult males for one hour between. The authorities have also ordered closure of eating houses, petrol pumps, cinema houses and liquor vend outlets from [illegible] to 6 AM for a number of districts.

Zaeel Haq Praises Reagan's Address to U.S.

AK [illegible] Kamal H. Qureshi [illegible] [illegible]

[Text] President Zaeel Haq has commended the positive response to President Reagan's address to the U.S. Congress yesterday concerning Afghanistan and Pakistan. Speaking to a reception with the Canadian Ambassador, here, the President said President Reagan's address was excellent and very balanced. It [illegible] but also because [illegible] to a number of misconceptions.

Answering a question, he said that Canada's Afghanistan policy changed and he wished that India would follow [illegible] acceptance of reality.

Reports on Zaeel Haq Meetings With World Leaders

Talks With Reagan Lauded

AK [illegible] Kamal H. Qureshi [illegible] [illegible]

[Text] Talking to Pakistani journalists in New Delhi, President Mohammad Zaeel Haq said his meetings with President Reagan and with Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi are likely to produce positive results and create greater understanding between Pakistan and its neighbours to settle issues. He said Pakistan's stand on the nuclear issue was now better understood. He said he told President Reagan that the policy of the Soviet Union was not in the interests of peace between Pakistan and India as it was the first time it was supplying [illegible] to a non-aligned country. He said he told the US President Reagan accepted Pakistan's policy.

[illegible] meeting with his Indian counterpart, the President said Rajiv Gandhi assured positively to Pakistan's [illegible] Rajiv Gandhi told him that the Indian Government would give early consideration to the proposal forwarded to him. But leaders agreed to take steps to avoid mutual confidence, create a bilateral trade, and increase travel facilities between the countries. The Indian prime minister assured the President that contacts by unofficial experts would be established between the two countries before the summit meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation. The meeting is scheduled to be held in Dhaka in December.

Meeting With Turkish Premier

AK [illegible] Kamal H. Qureshi [illegible] [illegible]

[Text] Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal called on President Zaeel Haq at New Delhi yesterday and exchanged views with him on the progress made by the joint ministerial commission, which began its work last year. The two leaders also discussed Pakistan's political situation. In this context, the president welcomed the Turkish prime minister about the elected parliament which is working positively towards the establishment of a genuine democratic government in the country. He also briefed him on the functioning of the National Assembly and the Senate. The Turkish prime minister informed the president about the Turkish [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

SRI LANKA

Parliament Extends State of Emergency One Month

BK2711094 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 27 Oct 87

[Excerpts] The measures for the extension of the state of emergency for a further month was passed with a two-third majority in parliament this evening. Two hundred and twenty-four votes were cast for the resolution. The SLFP with the Sri Lanka Freedom Party and the Mahajana Eksath Peramuna abstained.

Former Prisoner Claims Tamils Being Tortured

BK2407142 Hong Kong AFP in English 0734 GMT 24 Oct 87

[Text] New Delhi, Oct 24 (AFP) — A former prisoner in Sri Lanka has said that suspected Tamil separatists and sympathizers are being tortured in the country, PROBE [BK1411 1121 Delhi] (PTI) reported today.

PTI quoted the middle-aged farmer, a young boy, residents in Tamil Eelam have come to symbolize a Tamil separatist movement and refused to "embrace resistance" in western Sri Lanka called "mass graves."

A spokesman for the Sri Lankan High Commission here told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE that the report was "complete fabrication." The spokesman said: "There are no such prisoners where we operate from Delhi."

PTI quoted the farmer as saying that security forces and police officials had removed fingernails and eyes, smashed the victims' face and chest, made the teenage boy squat around, urinated into and inserted heated iron rods into their rectums.

The farmer said he was lodged in a narrow and squalid prison cell and subjected to torture for 72 days, PTI said. The arrests and the torture had occurred during the past 15 months.

A million of Sri Lanka's 12.5 million Tamils are leading an intensive separatist campaign for a separate Tamil state in the north and east.

Minister: Spokesman Denies Torture Claim

BK2411111 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 24 Oct 87

[Excerpt] Sri Lanka's minister of state for defense today rejected reports that the country's security personnel were involved in torture. Speaking to reporters in Colombo, Minister Ranil Wickremasinghe said: "Sri Lanka's security personnel are not involved in torture. We have not received any complaints from the Tamil militant groups. We have not received any complaints from the Tamil militant groups. We have not received any complaints from the Tamil militant groups."

In Colombo, a Defense Ministry spokesman also rejected reports of allegations that Tamil civilians were tortured by the Sri Lankan security forces.

In a statement issued in Colombo, PTI quoted a former Tamil militant as saying that security forces were responsible for the Sri Lankan refugee problem.

Defense Ministry spokesman in Colombo Wickremasinghe said that the allegations were baseless and it was all lies and rumors coming from the allegations of the person quoted by PTI. He said complaints have been made only to militant groups and not to the government.

Government Attack Army Camp, Militant Group Claims

BK2711141 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 27 Oct 87

[Text] Mortar terrorists attacked the Vilankulam army camp last night. Security sources said LTTE's PLOTE [BK1411 1121 Delhi] attack was claimed by the separatist forces. The terrorists had fired twelve mortar bombs and machine guns and exchanged fire with the army camp. Two soldiers were killed and three injured in the attack. Three terrorists were also killed in the counter-attack. Further investigations are continuing.

Two passengers in a goods train were ambushed by Tamil terrorists at Kallaimadhu yesterday. Security sources said LTTE's PLOTE [BK1411 1121 Delhi] had claimed the attack. Eight persons including two officers in Vavuniya were injured in the attack. Further investigations are continuing.

Khomeyni: Leftists Prophets' Sayings to Addressee; Dies

[Text] Tehran, Oct. 24, IRNA — The leader of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeyni, in a message to Major General [illegible] Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, has described the Mussolinites [illegible] as leftists.

In the message sent to Major General [illegible] Khomeyni, Khomeyni also stressed that the leftists are right and the rightists are wrong.

The report was concluded that the [illegible] and religious personalities should be avoided.

Khomeyni: Letter to Major

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, the Islamic Consultative Assembly, Khomeyni, Khomeyni said a letter from the leader of the Islamic Consultative Assembly.

[Begin Khomeyni Khomeyni according] His grandchildren [illegible] has sent a message which is short and which [illegible] read for the information of the honorable deputies. To the gentlemen who are here [as heard] [illegible] the Islamic Consultative Assembly, on behalf of the [illegible] Khomeyni. [end]

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Mr. Speaker, Chair, to the honorable deputies of the Islamic Consultative Assembly. Because the speeches of the gentlemen are broadcast and because they might lead to certain misunderstandings among the people, it is necessary for me to make and take these few words, [illegible] and [illegible] leaders [illegible] to be aware and cautious in the middle east, [illegible] to open their [illegible] eyes, [illegible] and ears, and not [illegible] to these sayings. [illegible] and I will not [illegible].

Although [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] as [illegible] as [illegible] as [illegible] and social affairs and although during the period of the [illegible] the ordering of affairs is entrusted to [illegible] ministers, this must [illegible] from [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] function of the Islamic Consultative Assembly which are made and which [illegible] is [illegible] the speeches should be made which [illegible] that [illegible] and blessings be upon you.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Deputy Minister Meets With Brazilian Assembly Speaker

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, the Islamic Consultative Assembly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

He said that the U.S. was brought to its knees by the resistance of Lebanese Moslems and now is intended to smother the Islamic Cause in the area.

The Iran diplomats were kidnapped by gunmen in Beirut on September 30. One of them was slain the next day.

Mideast Leader Irags Oil Attacks to U.S. Safety
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[Text]Intercontinental Summit Press Oct. 24 (MENA) -- The Armed Forces ground commander of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Gaseny, Ali Sayyad Shirazi said Thursday that if Iraq continues its efforts to jeopardize Iran's oil export "we too will be capable of protecting U.S. interests in the region."

Shirazi termed the likelihood of U.S. military interference in the Persian Gulf as impractical and said that "Iran thinks it impossible that the U.S. would commit such dangerous acts against Israel."

Pointing out the presence of the U.S. fleets as well as the British bases in the Sea of Oman, he said "military facilities for such conspiracies are ready made but the efforts of the enemies will only strengthen the will of Iran's Muslim combatants."

Colonel Shirazi is on a visit here to introduce the new commander of the army training center.

The ground force commander said that the enemy has tried to cripple Iran's oil exports and economy, "but it has achieved little results."

IRNA Cites Iraqi POW on Low Morale
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[Text] Ahvaz Oct. 24, IRNA -- Some 40 Iraqi troops captured last week in Iran's "Valfajr-4" offensive in southern Khuzestan [word illegible] were moved from the war front, Wednesday.

Some of the POWS said the morale of the Iraqi Army was weak and they were unaware with the Muslim combatant's methods of operations.

Lieutenant Jassim Kazem Abdullah said that the operations of the Muslim combatants were "incredible."

The Iraqi lieutenant said despite all kinds of heavy arms, bombers were and burning artillaries, his company headquarters was surrounded and soldiers under his command were all killed, wounded or captured.

The Iraqi POW said the offensive reduces the capability of Iranian forces despite five years of war. "On the contrary the ability of Iraqi forces is wearing down day by day because of a lack of faith," he added.

Iraqi Claims of POW Maltreatment Denied
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[Text] Tehran Oct. 24 IRNA -- Iraqi enemy has lost credibility in the eyes of the world public opinion after the capture of Iraqi POW's as a result of their surrender or intentionally surrendering disabled Iraqi POW's and the endeavours of the Iran Information Headquarters here Thursday.

Reports from Iran have made it clear that POW's are not executed, tortured, but were maltreated as Iran acted in accordance with the rules of international POW's conventions.

U.S. delegation which visited Iran and Iraq has witnessed these claims but said because POW's have been released in Iran.

The spokesman for the War Information and Headquarters said the world could judge itself by studying documents published by the U.S. and "Iranian Foreign Ministry which confirms the claims of releasing Iraqi POW's.

According to the conference Iraq is trying to manufacture documentaries on Iraqi mistreatment of Iranian POW's to be published by the War Information Headquarters.

Reportage on Combat Operations on War Wide Area

[illegible] Nov 2 [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[Text] Tehran Oct. 24, IRNA -- After the past 24 hours, Iran's Muslim combatants defended their territories throughout the northwest and southern borderlands, inflicting considerable casualties and losses on Iraqi forces, reported the Iran's command Staff of the Armed Forces here Thursday.

In its communique, number [illegible] the command said intensive fire was received on Sar Dasht, Oshnu in Naqda, Khvoy, Mahabad, Piranshahr and Sharbazer with Muslim Forces holding the upper hand.

Some [illegible] Iraqi troops were killed and five enemy helicopters crashed and [illegible] tank were destroyed in the western front, added the communique.

In Naft-e Shah, engineering units of the enemy were subjected to heavy artillery fire of Muslim combatants while in Sarbazer, Iran's patrol forces identified Iraqi positions and checked the movements of the enemy units, the communique said.

In Arvand River region, the gunboats of Iran's naval forces launched fire, positions housing their engineering troops. The city of Abadan in Khuzestan Province was subjected to Iraqi long-range artillery fire. Two buildings were damaged.

Shaabat Shelled [24 Oct]

[27/24/1447 Iraqi Domestic Service in Persian
1355 GMT 24 Oct 07]

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, the shelling of the residential and civilian areas of the Shaabat area in Khalis in the environs of the Iraqi Ba'quba Zionist region continued over the past 24 hours. Two residential buildings were destroyed.

Official Results of "Arbaeen" Operation

[22/24/1647 Tehran IRNA-4 in English 1624 GMT 24 Oct 07]

["Official Results of the Arbaeen Offensive" — IRNA headline]

[Text] Tehran, Oct. 24, IRNA — More than 1,000 Iraqi troops were killed and 58 captured in the "Arbaeen-4" offensive launched day, confirmed Iran's operational armed forces headquarters.

Khatam-ol-Anbiya' headquarters also confirmed earlier IRNA's reports that over 50 km of Hawr-al-Haweezeh marshlands (about 100 km west of the Iranian city of Khosravi) have been cleared and that the Iraqi strongpoints, mainly ways were now under the control of Muslim combatants.

Some 17 floating outposts were liberated in addition to the previous ones, said the headquarters.

Iran's Muslim combatants today smashed the First, Second and Third companies of the 52nd Battalion, Brigade 17, of the Fourth Army and inflicted heavy losses on the Ahle Khiz commando forces of Iraq, added the headquarters.

In the operation, 53 heavy and anti-aircraft guns of various powers as well as a large number of weapons were seized.

Meanwhile an IRNA correspondent reported from Khosravi that two Iraqi ion missile commando failed in two counter attacks west of Umm al-Na'aj lake Thursday, suffering heavy casualties. In the counter attacks, 3 Iraqi commandos were captured, bringing the number of Iraqi POW's captured by Thursday noon to 58, he said.

An Iraqi captured commando, Jasem Qasim Alwi said a commander dispatched by Saddam to the front lines urged the soldiers to invade the Hawr region at any cost.

"Arbaeen" Continues for No 3

[22/24/1605 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT
24 Oct 07]

[Commentary by Ali-ye Ra'isi-Kheshtan on the armed forces and Islamic revolution guard corps joint command]

[Text] The courageous troops of Islam, following the victorious "Arbaeen-IV" operations which resulted in the liberation of more than 50 km of the strategic Hawr al-Haweezeh region situated inside Iraqi territory, continued their successful battles in the eastern Fo'Lam counter-offensives and pounded the defeated Iraqi armed forces [illegible] more than three kilometers inside Iraqi territory. Iraqi soldiers and commanding officers have fled, taken over the positions that were vacated by the Iraqi soldiers and engaged in the region the Iraqi forces succumbed to shocking defeats. Islamic intelligence units known as Karbalaeen [illegible] the beginning of the victorious "Arbaeen-IV" operations more than 48 hours ago, a large region has been completely liberated by the combatant troops of Islam. The combatants of the corps of martyrdom, in addition to the forces mentioned in the second paragraph, engaged in the Arbaeen of Arbaeen have captured more than 70 tanks, etc, including "Russian communications tanks, and [text] anti-aircraft exchanges and several Iraqi [illegible] and a large number of big armaments depots.

Iraqis Flees Arrested

[22/24/1614 Tehran IRNA in English 1644 GMT 24 Oct 07]

[Text] Tehran, Oct. 24, IRNA — Arbaeen-4 operations continued to liberate grounds from the Iraqi occupiers in the "Arbaeen-4" operations region. Thursday night, Khatam ol-Anbiya' headquarters reported here Friday.

The Iraqi war lords were chased within 20 kilometers of Iranian territory in the region, the headquarters said.

Islamic fighters continued their offensive Thursday night, killing or wounding other number of Iraqi troops, destroying a large number of the enemy's tanks and armoured personnel carriers, and seizing 17 floating posts.

"Arbaeen-4" operations was launched by Iranian forces on Oct. 20, two days after Iraqi troops have invaded Iranian territory and bases.

Khatam ol-Anbiya', is the joint headquarters of the armed forces of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC).

Rallies on "Arbaeen-IV"

[22/24/1720 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1727 GMT 24 Oct 07]

[Commentary by commentator]

[Text] We begin our political commentaries today with a look at the fourth phase of the victorious "Arbaeen" operations. The combatants of Islam, in the continuation of their chain of operations in the southern region, began the "Arbaeen-IV" operations in the Hawr al-Haweezeh on Tuesday morning. The forces of Islam in these operations destroyed 16 strategic positions of the enemy and liberated 50 km of the northern part of Hawr al-Haweezeh.

Many [illegible] Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded. The victorious "Arbaeen" operations, the fourth phase of which was carried out by combatant [illegible] forces, not only proved the success of the second operation launched by the forces of Islam that began some time ago, in which the Iraqi enemy [illegible] were made to escape the Shaabat Hawr, [illegible]

[illegible] by weakening the shaky morale of the servicemen of the puppet regime of Iraq and using the fronts of the operation and making full use of the element of surprise, our powerful combatants have given new dimensions to the renewed war which is in fact holy and faithful resistance and self-defense of the Muslim and nation-serving nations of Iran against world oppressors.

The above-mentioned operations that began at [illegible] Wednesday on the northern most part of the strategic Hoor al-Hawizeh [illegible] one of the most unprecedented offensive battles of the victorious forces of Islam. The "Ashura-II" operations were launched with coordinated formations of the combatants of the Islamic Republic and the Muslim Iraqi mujahids who are more than ever determined to topple the Iraqi regime in their country, on which in spite of the enemy's advantage in having early warning systems and sensitive sensors, the enemy was completely taken by surprise and rendered incapable of taking any action.

The consistency of the recent developments on the fronts of the imposed war and the finale of popular and multidimensional resistance for the sacred of the war together with the crushing blows dealt to our Lord-seeking combatants to the weakened body of the enemy who is subservient to the superpowers once again underlines the important and decisive role that our Muslim and nation-serving people are determined to set the final stage of the war on the war fronts by their all round support and their constant presence on the scene of battle.

Report on Latest War News

[IJ [illegible] Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 27 Oct 87]

[Excerpt] The latest reports received from the Khatam-e-Anbia headquarters, the combined operations headquarters of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, indicate that our brave, young and mobilized Iraqi people's forces and the Mr. Iraqi Muslim brothers in continuation of their "Ashura-II" operations last night, with timely vigilance and repulsing the shameful movements of the enemy in the operational region, succeeded in shooting down an aircraft of the defeated enemy, which attempted to get close to the position of the Islamic forces. Similarly, in continuation of these victorious operations, the combatants of the Islamic army, while killing a number of enemy forces and destroying large quantities of light and heavy war equipment, took possession of 12 Iraqi guns in working order.

Radio Iran on Attempt on President's Life

[JP 271719 Z Clandestine Radio Iran in Persian 1330 GMT 24 Oct 87]

[Text] We now draw our attention to a report about Iran concerning an attempt on the life of Khamenei, from which he escaped unharmed.

[Begin recording of unidentified correspondent] Beyond the Khamenei's, the Islamic regime's president, has escaped without an hit' attempt on his life.

[illegible] was supposed to have taken place on the [illegible] last Iran, the Revolutionary Guards and the Muslim people, but remained before the [illegible] was to take place. [illegible]

[illegible] reports within the Islamic country [illegible] in connection with the news of [illegible] the 8:15 [illegible] revealed that the attempt on the life of the president was [illegible] prior to the assassination of an Arabic [illegible] Iran. He stated that, according to the [illegible] was to be killed by a long-ranged sniping [illegible] while reviewing the troops by [illegible] was supposed to have taken place.

The sniping on the occasion was described [illegible] going on parade and was stopped. Following this [illegible] people were arrested.

According to the AFP [illegible] newspaper, there is one report [illegible] on the fact of [illegible] in connection with Khamenei [illegible] in addition to the passengers of the [illegible] group was arrested, which raises the total number of [illegible] also said that the Khamenei's [illegible] Khamenei's [illegible] were executed immediately after their arrest.

Another fact that the report of the [illegible] is [illegible] existing to kill the president was [illegible] identities of those who had carried the assassination [illegible] and recording].

Radio Iran on Evacuations, Arrests, Ban on Travel

[JP 281747 Clandestine Radio Iran in Persian 1330 GMT 24 Oct 87]

[Text] In the end [illegible] we move on today's [illegible] news items in Iran.

The Tudeh [illegible] newspaper of the Communist Party announced in a formal statement that seven [illegible] members have been killed in Tehran's Evin prison.

Last week, officials of the Islamic regime prevented some doctors from leaving the country. They stopped the doctor from boarding an aircraft at Mehrabad Airport.

Finally, [illegible], the Friday imam of Rasht, has ordered the Army commanders in Gilan Province to organize [illegible] within the units, in particular at [illegible] meetings. The order was confirmed by some commanders and [illegible] were arrested in the [illegible].

Radio Iran: 1,500 Pasdaran Awaiting Expert

[JP 281700 Clandestine Radio Iran in Persian 1330 GMT 27 Oct 87]

[Text] According to Al-Ahd [illegible] Khamenei [illegible] Army diplomat in Lebanon [illegible] who [illegible] report was preparing to visit [illegible] and experts [illegible] Iran.